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The dinner and dance at the Spaniards' was like e ·ything they do, particularly successful. Innumerable servants, dressed in black and gold family livery, served innumerable guests. There were 70 or 80 people for dinner, and afterwards a couple of hundred more flowed in.

June 7, 1962 - Wednesday

E and I drove down to Epsom this morning to see the Derby. It was a beautiful sunny day. The crowd was immense; more than 300,000 people were said to have been there. As guests of the Jockey Club, we had as good a view as one can get of this famous race. Owing to the lie of the ground on the course, no view is satisfactory. The race itself was quite extraordinary, in that seven horses fell, one of which had to be destroyed. Six of the seven jockeys were hurt badly enough to go to hospital. No one yet knows exactly what occurred, except that the first to go down was Romulus, belonging to Charlie Engelhart, who was our guest at lunch yesterday. The favorite, Hetherstett, fell over him, and the others followed like ninepins. The race was won in slow time by my friend, Raymond Guest, whose Irish horse, Larkspur, ran two lengths ahead of Marcel Boussac's Arcor. Another French horse, Mme. Volterra's Le Cantilien ird. Thanks to Humphrey de Trafford, we lunched in the private di ared by him with Lord Derby. The House of Commons and the House of e disgust of most Members was in session. There were many Govern eople who could not attend. However, RAB Butler was there, as were the Homes, and quite a lot of other officials.

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I had a chance to talk to Alec Home about the Prime Minister's conversations with General de Gaulle. We have a copy of the letter written by the P.M. to the President on this subject, of which he was asked that no circulation be given. On the whole, the talks, though inconclusive, seem to have been satisfactory, in that the

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